

At every opportunity, Bob demonstrated his strong commitment to justice. I know that his courage, integrity, and dedication to the rule of law will not be forgotten. My thoughts are with Bob's wife, Jolene, and with his family and friends during this time of loss.●

REMEMBERING RABBI MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, today, I want to honor Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who led the Lubavitch movement and contributed greatly to education, morality, and charity worldwide. Menachem Mendel Schneerson, much like his father, was a rabbi and scholar who served his community immensely. April 12, 2022, marks the celebration of what would have been the Rebbe's 100th birthday.

In 1941, Rabbi Schneerson, also known as the rebbe, fled war-torn Europe, and arrived in the United States. As a refugee who experienced the despot rule of Stalinist Russia and the horrors of Nazi Germany, he understood the importance of faith in times of hardship. Upon arriving in New York, Rabbi Schneerson led the Chabad-Lubavitch movement. This movement grew greatly under Rabbi Schneerson's leadership and helped to guide the Jewish community after the atrocities of the Holocaust.

By the time of Rabbi Schneerson's death in 1994, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement consisted of over 2,000 institutions with centers in cities and university campuses worldwide. These outreach organizations function to teach people about Judaism and foster the Jewish identity.

Rabbi Schneerson also published renowned works on the Torah and Judaism. His work continues to lead many in spirituality, learning, and the process of strengthening the Jewish faith internationally. He understood that all were created equal and exemplified this in his inclusion of every man, woman, and child in his teachings.

Rabbi Schneerson's extraordinary life and work has long been recognized by the Congress and, in 1994, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his contributions.

Today, we celebrate the life of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. The rebbe was an individual who exemplified channeling personal struggles into positive change internationally. His legacy lives on through the impacts he made, and the many Chabad centers worldwide, including those in Kentucky. For Kentuckians, Americans, and all in the international community, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's efforts will continue to make an impact well beyond the century since his birth.●

RECOGNIZING A PLACE TO BELONG HOME CARE

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on

Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, A Place To Belong Home Care of Radcliff, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

It is not every week that I have the privilege of honoring a veteran-owned small business, but when I do, it is with profound gratitude and respect not only for this Kentucky entrepreneur, but for our men and women in uniform. A Place to Belong Home Care was founded by SFC Lolita R. Martin who, before opening her business, spent 24 years in uniform, 3 and half of which spent on the battlefield in support of Iraq Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Even while serving her country overseas, Ms. Martin knew that entrepreneurship was her next calling. With that in mind, Ms. Martin remained steadfast in her desire to continue serving others in her career, which led her to the idea of senior care. Thus, after retiring from a lengthy career in our Nation's uniform, Lolita Martin founded A Place to Belong Home Care in 2019.

The mission behind A Place To Belong Home Care is to improve the quality of life for aging adults and to support their families in caring for loved ones. The business provides a wide variety of services, not limited to elderly care. Whether the client is an adult or child with special needs, recovering from surgery or illness, or managing a disease or lifelong condition, A Place To Belong Home Care is there to help. And with services offered in Hardin, Bullitt, Meade, and Grayson County, as well as in other parts of Kentucky, Ms. Martin ensures that her business reaches the broad scope of needs for anyone requiring daily care.

Upon her retirement from the U.S. Armed Forces, Ms. Martin was primed for her current career. During her third deployment to Iraq, Ms. Martin began pursuing her Bachelor of science in healthcare management. A requirement for the degree was a capstone project on senior care, thus the seed for A Place To Belong Home Care was planted. The idea grew and developed throughout her time protecting our Nation; hence there is no doubt as to why her business has seen such success and growth in Kentucky. In 2019, Ms. Martin was proud to receive the Best in Class Home Health Certification from the 21st Century Health Care Consultants group. After caring for others throughout her life, Ms. Martin clearly is the right fit for the job.

This entrepreneur also understands the importance of maintaining an active presence in her local community. Ms. Martin preserves her dedication to national service by being an active member of the National Association of Black Veterans, the Kentucky Colonel, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars group. Though this patriot has moved on from her Active-Duty career, she

stays true to her roots as she ventures into an equally honorable career of providing care for those who are not able to take full care of themselves. Congratulations to Lolita Martin and the entire team at A Place To Belong Home Care. I thank you for your brave service to this country and for your enduring desire to serve others. I wish the whole team the best of luck and look forward to watching their continuing growth and success in Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING THE KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners—NAWBO—provides dynamic opportunities for women to network with other business owners, mentor one another, develop partnerships, and incubate and foster that next big idea. It is comprised of women of all ages and levels of experience from all sectors of the marketplace.

This year, as NAWBO Kentucky celebrates three decades of success stories that are as diverse as our Commonwealth, its members have established a Legacy Award to recognize women business owners who have excelled for 30 or more years. The first to be honored in such a way is Alice Houston, of Louisville. Alice is known as an entrepreneur, the president and CEO of the largest minority-owned transportation company in North America; as a tireless and dedicated board member, of such organizations as the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and the National Urban League; as a philanthropist, leading with her own generosity to raise funds for worthy causes and institutions; and as a wife, mother, and grandmother. She embodies the true character of the Legacy Award.

Every young woman who wants to be a trailblazer, who envisions a life of giving back while moving forward, or who is struggling to chart a bold new direction for her business is thankful that there are real-life phenomena like Alice Houston, whose business acumen, love of family and community, and generosity of spirit light a pathway to great possibilities.

I am proud to salute the Kentucky Association of Women Business Owners on its 30th anniversary and to honor Alice Houston as the inaugural recipient of its Legacy Award.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.A. SPRINKLERFITTERS LOCAL NO. 704

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of U.A. Sprinklerfitters Local No. 704 of metro Detroit. Functioning under different names and charters over the past century, the Local has supported the employment of its members, while simultaneously bargaining for higher wages and better benefits.

In May of 1907, Sprinklerfitting tradesmen in the Detroit area came together in their first effort to organize. They were rewarded for their efforts with a charter by the United Association of Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Steamfitters of the U.S. and Canada—U.A.—as Local No. 358. Initial optimism quickly dimmed, as the Local faced opposition from surrounding contractors and companies. Disbanding and reorganizing twice, the Local re-emerged as Local No. 669 in 1915 and was granted a new charter by the U.A. It would operate under this charter for another 32 years.

Within its first 7 years of formation, leaders from Local No. 669 had successfully argued for 2 consecutive years of wage increases and the addition of a local U.A. auxiliary office location to better serve the craftsmen of the region. This sense of unity was in no small part responsible for helping the local weather the economic devastation of America's Great Depression, which stifled progress across the country's economy for nearly a decade. Membership in Local No. 669 protected the wages and working conditions of sprinklerfitters in Detroit throughout the economic crisis.

Passage of the New Deal legislation by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt provided work opportunities in the form of public projects, supporting the sprinklerfitters of Local No. 669. In 1941, as the United States formally announced their entrance into the Second World War, factories in Detroit quickly pivoted to join the efforts turning the city into the "biggest war boomtown of them all." Among the projects undertaken by Local No. 669 in this time was the outfitting of the Ford Willow Run Bomber Plant in Ypsilanti. In 1947, Local No. 669 once again reorganized, taking on the charter of Local No. 704 with jurisdiction over sprinklerfitting work in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland Counties, with nearby Washtenaw joining a decade later. Local No. 704 continued to enjoy positive growth throughout the 1950s and 1960s, increasing their number of journeymen and apprentices, along with increased benefits and wages.

This progress would begin to falter as the local headed into the 1970s and companies began moving factories to "right to work states," decreasing one of their core contract bases. Despite the auto flight, members of Local No. 704 remained well employed and worked on a variety of local projects, including the Pontiac Silverdome and Detroit's Joe Louis Arena and Renaissance Center. Although they faced low employment in the first half of the decade, by the end of the 1980s, Local No. 704 had helped build, along with many other projects, the Detroit Hamtramck Assembly Plant, the Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, the Chrysler World Head Quarters and Technological Center, the Palace of Auburn Hills and would close out the decade with a newly negotiated contract with

the National Fire and Sprinkler Association, formerly known as the U.A.

Demand for work remained strong throughout the 1990s, and Local No. 704 entered the new millennium with a robust membership able to meet the demands of the growth of local automakers and universities. Between 2000 and 2007, Local No. 704 assisted in the construction of the General Motors Assembly Center, the north terminal of the Detroit airport, Detroit's MGM Grand and Greektown Casinos, and the Henry Ford Hospital in West Bloomfield. The Great Recession of 2008 stalled much employment in the area for a number of years, bringing membership in Local No. 704 down by nearly half. However, as work slowly started to resume in 2011 and 2012, Local No. 704 was able to rely on its history of strong organization skills to successfully secure jobs using the Local's targeted fund. In 2012 alone, the Local saw a return of nearly \$6 for every \$1 spent by the fund.

By 2015, Local No. 704 had emerged into a period of success carrying them easily to their 100th year anniversary in 2021. In these 6 years, members of the Local had a hand in many major projects in the area, including the construction of a new Amazon facility and the renovation of the historic David Whitney Building in Detroit. The opening of a new state-of-the-art training center and headquarters for the sprinklerfitters of Local No. 704 helped close out the decade.

U.A. Sprinklerfitters Local No. 704 has weathered many obstacles but has remained strong and enters their 101st year well positioned for continued success. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing their longevity, their skilled membership, and the immensely positive impact they have made on the communities of southeast Michigan.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 28, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate,

received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 270. An act to amend the Act entitled "Act to provide for the establishment of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in the State of Kansas, and for other purposes" to provide for inclusion of additional related sites in the National Park System, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on May 2, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3522. An act to provide enhanced authority for the President to enter into agreements with the Government of Ukraine to lend or lease defense articles to that Government to protect civilian populations in Ukraine from Russian military invasion, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on May 2, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3059. An act to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to provide for a periodic transaction reporting requirement for Federal judicial officers and the online publication of financial disclosure reports of Federal judicial officers, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on May 2, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3770. A communication from the President and Chair of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3771. A communication from the Senior Official Performing the Duties of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Performance Plan for fiscal years 2021-2023, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal years 2021-2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3772. A communication from the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2021 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.